


Hoxie's Pond

SANDWICH

8.5 Acres

Not To Be Used For Navigational Purposes

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Hoxie Pond
Sandwich
Barnstable County
Cape Cod Watershed

Latitude: 41.7322798 N Longitude: 70.4346582 W



8 Acres
Depth: 12 Feet Average
35 Feet Maximum
Primary Gamefish:
Trout

General Information:

Hoxie Pond is a small 8 acre natural kettlehole pond with an average depth of 12 feet and a maximum depth of 35 feet. Transparency is variable extending to only 5 feet at times but was 12 feet during the most recent survey. The pond is fed by groundwater and cranberry bogs and drains through the bogs to Scorton Creek. The 0.42 miles of shoreline are lightly developed with a few houses, cranberry bogs and a railroad bed. Aquatic vegetation is scarce and limited to shoreline areas. During the summer, dissolved oxygen levels drop below 2 ppm at 18 feet and deeper.

Access:

The pond is located just west of Scorton Creek and the former state game farm. From Route 6, take Exit 3 and head north on Quaker-Meetinghouse Road to Route 6A. Take a right and head east on Route 6A, then take a left onto Old County Road. Canoes and cartop boats can be launched informally from a dirt road off of Old County Road walk in access is also available from the old Sandwich game Farm property which is now being managed by the Thornton Burgess Society under an agreement with MassWildlife.

Management History:

This pond was reclaimed for trout management in August 1956, and as an experimental water was reclaimed again in 1957, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963 and 1968.

Fish Populations:

During the most recent survey the pond contained yellow perch, largemouth bass and brown trout and sunfish and banded killifish were observed. Like most ponds connected in some way to the ocean, this one is sure to have an abundant American eel population.

Fishing:

Hoxie Pond is primarily a put-and-take trout fishery and is annually stocked in the spring with rainbow, brook and brown trout. Some trout holdover through the summer, presumably in springholes which are most concentrated in the southern section of the pond. This is probably the best area to start fishing regardless of the season. Due to its small size, virtually all of the water in the entire pond can be thoroughly covered by a determined fisherman in less than a day.

Chain pickerel and largemouth bass are reportedly caught on a regular basis from this pond, but lacking the data to determine the growth rates and abundance of these species, it is impossible to predict what an angler can expect to encounter. If the trout aren't biting, however, a switch to bass and pickerel lures might just save the day.

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